

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A method and system of finding out about and downloading software updates
to a terminal, in which the terminal sends a standardized subscribe request for
software updates, and a server responds by sending an initial notify message back to
the sending terminal only, the initial notify message having content defined by an
event package. This system and method utilize an application layer protocol called
Session Initiation Protocol, and the event package requires information as to software
name, update server address, update retrieval protocol, and latest version. The
10 terminal checks if it has the available software version, and if not then the terminal
automatically downloads the update, or the user is given a choice whether to
download and obtain the available software version. The terminal and other terminals
subsequently receive a further type of notify message having content again defined by
the event package, describing at least one newly available update.

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